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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Janice Nickel

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: Examiner: Monica Lewis
: Group Art Unit: 2822

For: SPIN DEPENDENT TUNNELING JUNCTIONS INCLUDING
FERROMAGNETIC LAYERS HAVING FLATTENED PEAKS

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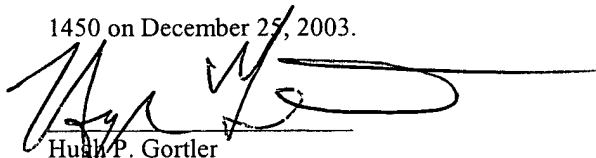
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AMENDMENT


This amendment responds to the office action dated August 25, 2003. The amendment includes a section for amendments to the claims, and a section for remarks.

A petition for a one month extension of time is attached. The petition extends the shortened statutory period for response until December 25, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 25, 2003.


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